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REF: USNATO 4709 (NOTAL)

FRG DELEGATION TO NATO HAS PROVIDED USNATO WITH ADVANCE COPY OF QUESTIONS FRG PLANS TO POSE AT NOVEMBER 9 DRC MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF US 1974 TO 78 FORCE PLANS. GERMAN QUESTIONS, RELATED TO U.S. REPLY TO DPQ(73), FOLLOW:

BEGIN QUOTE.

1. ON PAGE 29 OF THE MEMORANDUM, THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE HAWK WEAPONS SYSTEM IN THE MARINE CORPS IS MENTIONED. IT IS NOT MENTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IS ALSO PLANNED FOR THE ARMY AND HAS ALREADY BEEN STARTED.

QUESTION:

CAN IT BE CONCLUDED FROM THIS THAT THE ARMY DOES NOT REGARD THIS PROGRAMME AS AN IMPROVEMENT WORTH MENTIONING OF ITS AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITY?

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2. QUESTION:

CAN ANY INFORMATION BE GIVEN ON THE PERSONNEL STRENGTH, EQUIPMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE AIRBORNE BATTALION COMBAT

TEAMS (TABLE I, P.A-1, SERIAL NO. 3)?

3. ACCORDING TO TABLE I TO THE DPQ 73, THE NUMBER OF THE FORCES
EARMARKED FOR SACLANT WILL CONSIDERABLY DECREASE BETWEEN
1972 AND 1978, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF DESTROYERS WILL
DECREASE FROM 227 TO 107.

QUESTION:

HOW WILL THESE REDUCTIONS EFFECT THE EASTLANT AREA?

4. IN TABLE I, PART B TO THE DPQ 73, ONLY SUPPLY SHIPS ARE
LISTED UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND.

QUESTION:

HOW MANY COMBAT FORCES WILL REMAIN UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND?

END QUOTE.

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